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Dr. Benn:

I am sharing these notices that I just received. You may have these already but just in case. They are relevant to the situation in the Nation. Please touch base with Clancy directly if you have questions about this release.

We are committed to working with you and to interpret sampling data as we deliver it to you and your colleagues. We are in the process of providing sampling data for August 10 and 11.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about EPA's efforts in the Navajo Nation.

Sincerely,

Enrique Manzanilla

Director, Superfund Division

US EPA Region IX

State of Utah Lifts Advisories for Utah Crop Irrigation and Livestock Watering (08/14/15)

SALT LAKE CITY -- The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) is lifting any advisories against using San Juan River water for crop irrigation and livestock watering.

Based on the latest Utah Department of Environmental Quality evaluation of the San Juan River water sample data, Utah State University's veterinary toxicologist reports the

river's highest levels of contamination posed no adverse affects on plants, soils and animals, only short-term and minimal exposure risks.

River water sampling shows that the majority of the mine contamination passed through San Juan County on Tuesday, August 11. The UDAF advises farmers and ranchers to remain cautious and report any changes in the health of their crops and livestock.

http://www.deg.utah.gov/Topics/Water/goldkingmine/index.htm

